



## **NYLA Council Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, May 4, 2023

3:15 PM to 4:45 PM

via Web Conference

NYLA President-Elect, Lisa Kropp Presiding

### **In Attendance:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Kropp, <i>President-Elect</i>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Burke, <i>PLS President</i>                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Merkle, <i>Immediate Past President</i>     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Delaney, <i>SMART President</i>                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Harris, <i>Treasurer</i>                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Pressimone, <i>SSL Representative</i>             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank McKenna, <i>Treasurer-Elect</i>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joyce Laiosa, <i>YSS Representative</i>                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keturah Cappadonia, <i>ALA Chapter Councilor</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i>   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julia Corrice, <i>ASLS President</i>             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Osterhout, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i>             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kerstin Cruger, <i>FLS President</i>             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ginger Tebo, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i>                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Isopo, <i>IDEAS President</i>           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caitlin Kenney, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i>              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amanda Perrine, <i>LAMS Representative</i>       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rakisha Kearns-White, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i>        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Currie, <i>LTAS President</i>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AnnaLee Dragon, <i>Executive Director (ex-officio)</i> |

### **Absent:**

Arlene Laverde, *President*

Kristina Graves, *Councilor-at-Large*

### **Guests:**

Lauren Hoyt, *NYLA Director of Association Operations*

Max Prime, *NYLA Director of Government Relations and Advocacy*

C Romeo, *NYLA Director of Communications and Member Engagement*

Tony Iovino

Terry Mulee

### **Council Meeting Agenda**

1. Welcome / Review of Agenda

NYLA President-Elect Lisa Kropp called the meeting to order at 3:16pm and welcomed the group.

Executive Director AnnaLee Dragon requested that an item be added under New Business on the agenda, to discuss a request from the Alfred Box of Books Library for Disaster Relief Funds.

**MOTION I:** Motion to approve the agenda with the addition under New Business.

Made by: Kelly Harris                      Seconded by: Julie Delaney

Approved unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2023 NYLA Council Meeting

**MOTION II:** Motion to approve Minutes from March 16, 2023 NYLA Council Meeting.

Made by: Joe Burke                      Seconded by: Laura Osterhout

Approved unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

a. April Financial Statement

Treasurer Kelly Harris presented the budget vs actual statement as of April 2023. As we approach the end of the fiscal year, we are about on track to meet the budget, which was a planned deficit

of roughly \$140,000. Executive Director AnnaLee Dragon also noted that it will likely end up closer to a \$160,000 deficit due to the unexpected expenditures in repairing the NYLA basement after the flooding issues earlier this year.

b. FY2023-2024 NYLA Operating Budget

The FY2023-2024 draft budget was reviewed by the NYLA Audit and Finance Committee, and they recommend it for approval by the NYLA Council at our June 15, 2023 meeting. It is a planned \$136,273 deficit budget.

**\*Special Note: NYLA President-Elect Lisa Kropp congratulated Rakisha Kearns-White on behalf of Council on being named a 2023 Library Journal Mover & Shaker!\***

4. Unfinished Business

a. NYLA/SLI MOU

The draft NYLA/SLI MOU was shared with Council at the March 16 meeting for review. It has already been approved by the SLI Board and was attached to this meeting's materials.

**MOTION III:** Motion to approve the NYLA/SLI MOU. Timeline for implementation will follow.

Made by: Kelly Harris                      Seconded by: Jean Currie

Approved unanimously.

5. New Business

a. Request for Disaster Relief Funds

The Alfred Box of Books Library sent a letter to NYLA requesting financial assistance from the Disaster Relief Funds in response to a sewage leak on Tuesday, April 11. The water and sewage contaminated a large portion of the library and funds are needed to repair/replace furniture, shelving, rugs, and supplies. The letter was attached to the meeting materials. Past donations to member libraries from this fund have been \$1,000.

**MOTION IV:** Motion to send the Alfred Box of Books Library \$1,000 from the NYLA Disaster Relief Fund.

Made by: Jean Currie      Seconded by: Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn

Approved unanimously.

b. Balanced Budget Task Force Recommendations

The Balanced Budget Task Force presented their recommendations. The PowerPoint presentation is available on NYLA's Council webpage and was shared with each Council member to inform their discussions with their respective groups. The Balanced Budget Task Force is willing/able to meet with any/all groups separately to answer unit-specific questions. The Council is being asked to come to the June 15, 2023 Council meeting prepared to vote on the recommendations. All questions and requests for meetings should be directed to NYLA Treasurer and Chair of the Balanced Budget Task Force, Kelly Harris at [kharris@johnjermain.org](mailto:kharris@johnjermain.org).

**MOTION V:** Motion to extend the meeting end time 15 minutes to 5:00pm to allow for further discussion.

Made by: Amanda Perrine                      Seconded by: Dawn Pressimone

Approved unanimously.

6. President's Report

Arlene Laverde submitted a written report.

7. President-Elect's Report  
Lisa Kropp submitted a written report.
8. Past President's Report  
Beth Merkle submitted a written report.
9. Executive Director's Report  
AnnaLee Dragon submitted a written report.

10. Legislative Report

Director of Government Relations and Advocacy Max Prime reviewed the finalized New York State budget for the coming year. Max noted that it is not what we had hoped and advocated for, but in a tough financial year for the state, we were able to be held flat to last year's enacted numbers. That means \$99.6M for Library Operating Aid and \$34M for Library Construction Aid. Library Materials Aid remained flat at \$6.25 per pupil as well.

The final budget did see a couple of positive things come out of the policy side of things, including the continuous recruitment in civil service reform and the expiration for library construction aid above 50% for economically disadvantaged and distressed communities was extended out to 2026. We also saw a small bump in the disbursement from the Love Your Library fund from \$150,000 to \$176,000.

11. Section/ALA/Committee Reports

12. Review/Adjournment

**MOTION III:** Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Made by: Michelle Isopo                      Seconded by: Kelly Harris

Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm.

**Next Council Meeting: Thursday, June 15 via Zoom at 3:15pm**